



Graduate & Professional Student Association

GPSA Distinguished Contribution Award

The purpose of the GPSA Distinguished Contribution Award is to formally acknowledge up to three members of the UNLV community: administration, faculty, staff and recent alumni (those who have graduated within the past two years) who have made contributions that better the life of graduate and professional students. **Individuals can self-nominate themselves.**

Application Deadline: December 6

Process

Checklist/Coversheet for GPSA Awards **must be attached to nomination**. Notification is sent annually by the GPSA to each campus department (late fall semester).

Nominations: Current members of the GPSA Council, the GPSA Executive Board, members of UNLV administration, full-time faculty members, or staff may nominate current members of administration, faculty, staff and recent alumni (those that have graduated within the past two years) for this award. Individuals may recognize more than one nominee from their respective departments. Each nomination application is to be regarded separate and unique; duplicate or closely worded recommendation letters will be invalidated. Each nomination must contain, and is limited to, the following:

- Formal letter of nomination from a current member of the GPSA Council, the GPSA Executive Board, member of Administration, full-time faculty member, or a member of UNLV staff, using the guidelines noted under Criteria
- Curriculum Vitae (optional, but encouraged) containing a listing of scholarly activity, leadership/service activities, awards, and honors of nominee

Selection Timeline (All GPSA Awards):

- Awards Committee formed: September (1 year term)
- All award nominations distributed to Awards Committee: December Council Meeting
- Awards Committee evaluates all nominations: end of January
- Awards Committee recommends recipients to the GPSA Executive Board: by January 30th
- Awardees will be recognized at the annual spring Research Forum. Please check website for the event's date: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/forum/>

Composition of the GPSA Awards Committee:

- GPSA department representatives must be appointed members of the GPSA Council, each representing separate colleges. In cases where the nominee is from the same department as a selection committee member, the chairperson will vote in lieu of that committee member
- A non-voting (except in cases of tie decisions or conflict of interest) chairperson, a member of the GPSA Executive Board

Criteria:

Letter of Nomination:

- The signed and dated nomination letter must distinguish how/what contributions the nominee has made that better the life of graduate and professional students. The letter should be written in such a way as to clarify the nominee's activities from other UNLV administration, faculty, staff and recently graduated alumni (those that have graduated within the past two years).
- The letter of nomination must address the nominee's contribution in terms of long term value to the UNLV graduate and professional student body. **Additional letters of support are encouraged, but not required.**

****Please note:** These are competitive GPSA Awards. Incomplete applications will not be considered.